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SUBJECT: MISSING IN ACTION RESOLUTION AT TEHRAN RED CROSS
CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON ACCOUNTING FOR
THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY
BY GENERAL COMMISSION OF 22ND INTERNATIONALBW CONFERENCE
OF RED CROSS AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 12. RESOLUTION
WILL COME BEFORE PLENARY SESSION NOVEMBER 15 FOR FINAL APPROVAL.
RESOLUTION WAS SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK,
MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, AND U.S. AND
RED CROSS SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA, BRZIL, CANADA,
ETHIOPIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GREAT BRITAIN,
ICELAND, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN AND UNITED STATES
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OF AMERICA.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION:

QUOTE THE 22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF ARMED CONFLICTS IS A LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS OF ALL PARTIES WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE DIED, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY, AND

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS OF THE RED CROSS, AND WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949:

CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS, DURING HOSTILITIES AND AFTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, TO HELP LOCATE AND CARE FOR THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD, TO FACILITATE THE DISINTERMENT AND RETURN OF REMAINS, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION;

AND FURTHER CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO COOPERATE WITH PROTECTING POWERS, WITH THE ICRC AND ITS CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY, AND WITH SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE BODIES AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE, INCLUDING NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES, TO ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN MISSION OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE DEAD AND MISSING, INCLUDING THOSE BELONGING TO THIRD COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO THE ARMED CONFLICT.
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3. PLEASE PASS TEXT OF RESOLUTION AND FOREGOING INFORMATION TO AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL OFFICE AND TO COL. ALBRIGHT AT NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILY, 1608 "K" STREET NW. RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATION HEAD DR. FRANK STANTON. TEXT OF HIS REMARKS (SEPTTEL) SHOULD ALSO BE PASSED TO AMERICAN RED CROSS.
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